Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission

Zoning Committee Recommendation

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Rezoning Petition 2021-008

July 6, 2021

Zoning Committee

REQUEST Current Zoning: O-1 (office)

Proposed Zoning: MUDD-O (mixed used development, optional)

LOCATION Approximately 4.41 acres located along the west side of Carmel

Commons Boulevard, south of Pineville-Matthews Road, and

east of Carmel Road

(Council District 7 - Driggs)

PETITIONER The Morgan Companies

ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION/ STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY

The Zoning Committee voted 4-1 to recommend APPROVAL of this petition and adopt the consistency statement as follows:

This petition is found to be **inconsistent** with the *South District Plan*, based on the information from the staff analysis and the public hearing and because:

• The plan recommends office use.

However we find this petition to be reasonable and in the public interest based on information from the staff analysis and the public hearing and because:

- The site is within a designated activity center per the *Center, Corridors, Wedges Growth Framework*.
- Activity centers are recommended for walkable, mixed use development.
- The introduction of retail use to the office area creates additional mixing of uses in the area and retail use is compatible with office land uses.
- The proposed site plan proposes a new private drive providing vehicular and pedestrian connectivity through the larger block, between Carmel Road and Carmel Commons Boulevard.
- Improves the pedestrian experience with the provision of urban open space along a portion of the private drive and the front of the building and reduces surface area parking with proposed subterranean deck.
- Provides pedestrian oriented transportation improvements including push button pedestrian signals at Pineville-Mathews Road and Carmel Road and improved accessible ramps at Carmel Commons Boulevard at Pineville-Matthews Road.

The approval of this petition will revise the adopted future land use as specified by the South District Plan, from Office to Retail for the site.

Motion/Second: Blumenthal / Welton

Yeas: Blumenthal, Ham, Samuel, and Welton

Nays: Spencer

Chirinos, Rhodes Absent:

Recused: None

ZONING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Staff provided a summary of the petition and noted that it is

inconsistent with the adopted area plan.

A commissioner asked for details on the outstanding CDOT request. Staff stated that CDOT requested for offsite commitment for construction of a planting strip and sidewalk along Pineville-

Mathews Road.

There was no further discussion.

MINORITY OPINION The minority states that mixed use activity centers are

recommended for walkable, mixed use development and a drive

thru is not walkable.

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